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components along said second waveguide and a second filter means optically coupled to said third waveguide for transmitting the other of said odd and even wavelength components along said third waveguide.

19. (new) The filter device according to claim 15 wherein the optical branching means is two optical couplers and said at least one odd/even select filter means is a first filter means located in a fourth waveguide optically coupled to said two optical couplers and a second filter means located in a fifth waveguide optically coupled to said two optical couplers in parallel with said first optical fiber, said second waveguide being optically coupled to one of said two optical couplers and said third waveguide being optically coupled to the other of said two optical couplers.

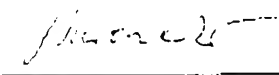
REMARKS

The claims as originally filed and set forth in the application have been replaced by the preliminary amendment and do not exceed the claims permitted by the basic filing fee.

Respectfully submitted.

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